(f) whether it is also a fact that there is an over-invoicing in the Import of the penultimate; and

(g) if so, what is the yearly magnitude of over invoicing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) To the extent information is available all major anti-TB and anti-leprotic drugs are imported duty free under Open General Licence.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the current Import Trade Control Policy the registration with my Department is required for import of Rifampicin.

(d) No, Sir. Imports of Rifampicin is being discouraged due to abundant availability of indigenously manufactured drug by several manufacturers.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) No such instance has come to the notice of my Department.

(g) Does not arise.

New-Technology for manufacture of alcohol

1627. SHRI ADINARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:
PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology for manufacture of industrial fine alcohol from tapioca starch has been developed in the country;

(b) if so, which organisation developed this technology;

(c) whether Malladi Project Management Centre (MPMC), a Madras based technical consultancy organisation has also developed this technology;

(d) whether Government have given licences for the starch-based alcohol plants; and

(e) if so, what are the names of the industries, their production capacity and their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Central Food Technology Research Institute, Mysore and Central Tuber Crop Research Institute, Trivandrum are reported to have developed the technology for manufacture of alcohol, based on Tapioca.

(c) One Company who got Registration with DGTD for manufacture of industrial alcohol based on Tapioca indiacted that they will take the technology from M/s. Malladi.

(d) and (e) About 55 units have been registered with DGTD so far for the manufacture of industrial alcohol based on Tapioca for a total capacity of 1,84,600 KL per annum. The names of the Companies, their production capacity and their locations are being compiled and the same will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in the prices of drugs being produced by IDPL

1628. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the bulk drugs being produced by IDPL;

(b) what was the price of each bulk drug in 1979;

(c) how many times increases in the prices have been allowed by his Ministry in respect of each bulk drug being produced by IDPL after 1979 alongwith the date of price fixation order, name of the drug and the price fixed;

(d) the names of bulk drugs produced by other companies for which prices have been fixed/revised during the same period;